REMARKS

This response is being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Claims 1-24 are pending, with claims 1, 11, 16, and 22 being independent.

Claims 1-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Britton et al. (U.S. 6,442,577). Applicant has amended the claims to obviate the rejection.

As amended, independent claim 1 recites a method for data transfer between a host system, a database, and a terminal server that includes, among other features, receiving at a host system, a terminal server identifier from a terminal server having a geographic location. A database is queried to obtain service data associated with the geographic location of the terminal server based on the terminal server identifier. Geographic location specific service data is automatically sent from the host system to the terminal server.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection because Britton fails to describe or suggest a terminal server having a geographic location and a database that is queried to obtain service data associated with the geographic location of the terminal server based on the terminal server identifier.

Instead, Britton describes a host system that maintains a database of static Internet Protocol (IP) addresses that are assigned to a particular corporation. Upon receiving a request for data from a particular IP address, the host system looks up the IP address in the database and determines a corporation name based on the received IP address. Britton then suggests that customized content is delivered based on the corporate name or the determined distinction between an individual accessing the host through an Internet Service Provider (ISP) and a corporation that has a direct connection to the Internet.

Accordingly, Britton fails to determine the geographic location of the terminal server from which the request is received. Moreover, Britton does not maintain or track any information related to a geographic location. The tables illustrated in Britton do not contain geographic location information. See Britton, Figs. 3-6. Thus, Britton can not deliver geographic location specific service data from the host system.

The impact of this failure by Britton to maintain any information regarding geographic location is significant. For example, among other things, the claimed association of a terminal server identifier with a particular geographic location enables delivery of content that is localized and thus geographically relevant to the recipient. This capability is simply not made available through the teachings of Britton.

For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of amended independent claim 1 and its respective dependent claims.
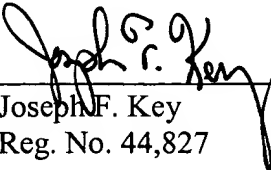
Similarly, each of amended independent claims 11, 16, and 22 recites an arrangement in which a database associates a terminal server identifier with a geographic location of the terminal server to enable geographic location specific service data to be delivered to the terminal server. Accordingly, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of amended claims 11, 16, and 22 and their respective dependent claims for the reasons discussed above with respect to amended independent claim 1.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

Enclosed is a $790.00 check for the Request for Continued Examination fee. No other fees are believed to be due. Please apply any deficiencies or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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